



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Request from the Gourmet Sandwich Shop, 230 West Pine Street, Lodi, for an Encroachment Permit that Would Allow the Restaurant to Install Exterior Tables and Chairs During Business Hours

MEETING DATE: May 5, 1993

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council discuss and take action as deemed necessary on the above matter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Gourmet Sandwich Shop, 230 West Pine Street, Lodi, has requested that they be put on the City Council agenda of May 5, 1993 (see letter attached). The restaurant would like to have an encroachment permit that would allow it to install exterior tables and chairs during business hours.

FUNDING: None required.

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Attachment

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APPROVED: _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



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A BUSINESS OWNER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

GOOD EVENING MR. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS,

MY NAME IS MICHELLE RISHWAIN BERNARD, MY HUSBAND DENNIS BERNARD AND I ARE THE PRESENT OWNERS OF THE "GOURMET SANDWICH" SHOP LOCATED AT 230 W. PINE STREET IN LODI (RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM CITY HALL).

WHEN PURCHASING THIS PARTICULAR RESTAURANT, WE IDEALIZED THIS CORNER AS AN HONORABLE OUTSIDE FRENCH CAFE WITH A TERRACE TO SIT OUR CUSTOMERS.

MR. MAYOR AND RESPONSIBLE CITY COUNCIL, MY REQUEST IS; TO MODIFY THE CITY CODE AS TO PERMIT AND APPROVE US TO INSTALL EXTERIOR TABLES AND CHAIRS DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

THIS PRIME LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN LODI IS READY AND IN NEED OF THIS PARTICULAR CONCEPT. A CAFE TERRACE WOULD DEFINITELY BE THE ANSWER TO THIS CACHET CONCEPT OF CHARM WHICH IS SWEEPING THE NATION. LODI IS IN NEED OF A MODERN VOGUE AND ROMANTIC AMBIANCE WHICH THE FRENCH CAFE TERRACE STYLE WOULD GIVE. THE IDEA WOULD KEEP THE AREA A VERY DISTINGUISHED, INVITING AND WELCOMING TO THOSE WHO DRIVE AND SHOP ON PINE STREET AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

THE OUTDOOR CAFE WOULD MAKE OUR CLIENTS FEEL AT EASE. RELAXING AND ENJOYING AN OUTSIDE GATHERING BETWEEN FRIENDS FOR A CAPPUCCINO OR CROISSANT. FELLOW WORKERS DISCUSSING BUSINESS OVER AN ESPRESSO, OR TO OUR FELLOW LODI NEWS SENTINEL READERS SIPPING A MOCHA WITH A BOWL OF HOME MADE SOUP, HOW ABOUT THE STUDENTS WHO SIT OUTSIDE LISTENING TO MOTHER NATURE BIRDS AND LOOKING AT THE TREES AS THEY REFLECT ON THERE STUDIES. LETS NOT FORGET THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT CITY WHO LOVE TO RELAX WITH OUR FRESH GROUND HOUSE COFFEES. IN A NUT SHELL, EVERYONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS INVITING IDEA.

ACCOMPLISHING THIS IDEA WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE GOURMET SANDWICH SHOP AND ITS CUSTOMERS, BUT WOULD ALSO ATTRACT MANY FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE SURROUNDING CITIES TO DINE, SHOP AND ENCOURAGE THE BUSINESSES OF OUR GREATER DOWNTOWN LODI AREA.

FOR OUR RESTAURANT, HAVING AN OUTSIDE TERRACE WOULD MEAN; ADDING BEAUTY TO THE CITY ALONG WITH PLEASING ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ASK US IF THEY COULD BRING TABLES OUTSIDE TO ENJOY THE FOOD ALONG WITH THE OUTSIDE VIEW OF THE PARK AND BUILDING ETC. THE GOURMET SANDWICH IS A HEALTHY RESTAURANT WITH MID-EASTERN SPECIALTIES ALONG WITH AMERICAN FOODS. THE HIGHEST QUALITY IS SERVED IN EVERY ASPECT ALONG WITH ITS UNIQUE AMBIANCE. VEGETARIAN FOOD IS ALSO ONE OF OUR SPECIALTIES WITH ESPRESSO AND HOUSE BLEND COFFEES. THE ONLY THING MISSING TO THIS VERY EUROPEAN STYLE CAFE AS ONE CAN SEE IS THE LACK OF AN OUTSIDE TERRACE.

OUTSIDE CAFES ARE SEEN IN THE RICHEST CITIES OF THE WORLD. HERE IN CALIFORNIA, MANY RESTAURANTS HAVE ALSO OPENED THE EYES AND HEARTS OF THE PUBLIC WITH CAFE TERRACES, CITIES SUCH AS SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO AND EVEN SMALLER AND BEAUTIFUL CITIES WHICH WE COMPARE TO LODI WHICH ARE MONTEREY AND CARMEL.

WE INDEED WISH TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL AND THAT OF OUR CUSTOMERS AND FUTURE CUSTOMERS BY HAVING THE CITY ORDINANCE MODIFIED FOR OUTSIDE CAFE TERRACES IN LODI. CALIFORNIA IS BEAUTIFUL, THE TREES, SUNLIGHT AND NATURE ARE ALL OUTSIDE FOR US TO ENJOY. THE BEST VIEW IN OUR CASE FOR EVERYONE, WOULD BE ON A RELAXING OUTSIDE TERRACE.

WE HOPE THE CITY CODE CAN BE MODIFIED FOR OUR CAFE. WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF YOUR ADVICE AND DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO ACHIEVE OUR NEED. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU ON THIS PROJECT.

THANK YOU MR. MAYOR, CITY
COUNCIL, FELLOW MERCHANTS AND
FRIENDS.

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City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Public Works Department

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TO: City Manager

FROM: Public Works Director

DATE: May 13, 1993

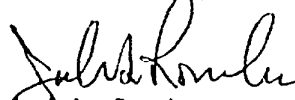
SUBJECT: Encroachment for The Gourmet Sandwich, 230 West Pine Street

The City Council, at its meeting of May 5, 1993, authorized the Public Works Department to issue an encroachment permit for The Gourmet Sandwich for two small dining tables to be located on the sidewalk fronting their establishment. In issuing this permit, we've encountered two problems:

1. We've previously issued an encroachment permit for locating three newspaper racks in front on this same establishment. We are in the process of obtaining approvals from these newspapers for the relocation of these racks to the side street on Pleasant Avenue.
2. The owner of the establishment has placed three dining tables and chairs fronting their establishment and has requested that an encroachment permit for four tables be issued.

I have instructed my staff that I cannot approve any more than two tables because of Council action. However, the owner could place three tables fronting their establishment without any additional encroachment into the right of way. (Three tables are in place at the present time.) I have no problem with three tables; however, I am reluctant to issue an encroachment permit for three tables due to Council action. I don't believe the Council would have a problem with it, but I would hate to see this have to go back to Council for resolution. I thought you might be able to informally poll the Council and give me direction with respect to the three tables.

I have no problem issuing the encroachment permit for three tables with your direction. Please instruct me on how our Department should proceed in this matter.


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

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